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SUBJECT: GUATEMALAN TERRORISTS

- 1. IT IS PROBABLY USEFUL THAT I COMMENT ON SOURCE WHO HAS BEEN PROVIDING INFO TO ME ON AMERICAN DESERTER AND GUATEMALAN TERRORISTS. I DO HOPE THIS WILL BE HELD ABSOLUTELY TIGHTLY; HE IS NERVOUS AND WORRIED, HE WON'T COME TO CONSULATE AND AFTER FIRST MEETING IN MY OFFICE, WE NOW MEET IN INCONSPICUOUS WAY
- 2. HE IS CANADIAN FROM MONTREAL, NAME GILLES DENIS AND HE HAS BEEN HERE FOR ABOUT ONE MONTH. HE BOTH PRIEST AND LAWYER AND IS HERE ON LEGAL RATHER THAN DIVINE BUSINESS. HE REPRESENTS "THE SOCIETY OF SECULAR MISSIONERY" (SIC) AND SEEMS TO BE PROVIDING SOME SORT OF LEGAL ADVICE TO CANADIANS WORKING ON WATER AND SEWER PROJECT; HE HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH LABOR PEOPLE HERE. HIS ENGLISH IS AT PERHAPS 3/3 LEVEL AND WE HAVE SOME COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEM BUT CAN USUALLY GET ALONG. HE WAS EDUCATED AT UNIVERSITY OF MONTREAL WHERE ONE OF HIS PROFESSORS WAS PIERRE TRUDEAU (FOR WHOM HE PROFESSES GREAT ADMIRATION). I RECKON HIM TO BE IN EARLY OR MID THIRTIES. AT ONE POINT HE MENTIONED HE MIGHT WANT TO TRY AND SEND SOME INFORMATION TO OTTAWA. I SAID THAT IF HE WISHED, I FELT I COULD TRANSMIT IT IN A SECURE FASHION TO CANADIAN GOVERNMENT.

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3. MY IMPRESSION IS THAT HE IS GENUINELY CONCERNED AT THIS MESS. AT FIRST, IT SEEMS HE WAS UNAWARE THAT THE AMERICAN WAS STILL IN GUATEMALA. I HAVE IMPRESSION HE HAS BITTEN OFF MORE THAN HE WANTS TO CHEW BUT THAT HE IS GOING TO TRY TO PUSH AHEAD. I ALSO BELIEVE HE WANTS TO PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE AND HELPFUL ROLE.

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